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FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF REUTERS ITEM WHICH
APPEARED CAMEROON PRESS SERVICE JULY 27:

1. MARITIME LAW: ABOUT THE US THREAT TO WITHDRAW FROM THE
CONFERENCE.
2. UNITED NATIONS, JULY 27 (REUTER). THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE
UNITED STATE FROM THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON MARITIME LAW
WOULD BE CATASTROPHIC, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONFERENCE,
MR. SHIRLEY AMERASINGHE (SRI LANKA) DECLARED ON MONDAY, ECHOING
THE AMERICAN THREATS, PUT FORTH LAST WEEK BY AMBASSADOR ELIOT
RICHARDSON. THE EIGHT -WEEK SESSION LED TO UNQUESTIONABLE PROGrees,
ESTIMATED MR. AMERASINGHE, WHO MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE UNITED STATE
ATTACHED PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO THE PROBLEM UNDER DISCUSSION,
NAMELY THE EXPLOITATION OF THE SEA BOTTOM S MONERAL RESOURCES.
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THE AMERICANS ARE THE ONLY PEOPLE WITH THE TECHNOLOGY ENABLING
THEM
TO PLAN AN EXPLOITATION OF THOSE RESOURCES IN THE NEAR FUTURE,
THAT IS, IN THE BEST OF CASES, NOT BEFORE 1983

3. EVOKING THE AMERICAN CRITICISMS ON THE PRODURE ADOPTED

DURING THE LAST SESSION, CHAIRMAN AMERASINGH DECLARED THAT HE WAS
HIMSELF DISSATISFIED WITH IT. MR. RICHARDSON COMPLAINED LAST
WEDNESDAY THAT THE PROPOSAL FOR EXPLOITATION OF DEEP SEABEDS
PUT FORWARD BY A HANDFUL OF DELEGATES WAS ABSOLUTELY
UNACCEPTABLE TO THE UNITED STATES. MR. AMERASINGH DENIED THE
HYPOTHESIS OF A COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CHAIRMAN
OF COMMENTEES IN THAT MATTER AND STATED CLEARLY THAT THE
CONFERENCE
HAD DECIDED THAT THAT TEXT WOULD ONLY SERVE AS A BASIS FOR THE
NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT IT WOULD NOT TAKE AWAY FROM ANY DELEGATION
THE RIGHT TO PROPOSE AMENDMENTS.
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